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## COLONY'S FINANCES. NEXT YEAR'S \$9,000,000 DEFICIT. SPENDING OUR BALANCES. FUTURE FINANCIAL POLICY DISCUSSED. AVOIDING HEAVIER TAXATION.

### PROSPECTS OF LOANS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS.

Next year the Colony, instead of the usual surplus, expects to have a deficit of nearly \$9,000,000. This will materially reduce our cash balances, which are expected to stand at \$14,000,000 at the end of the current year. The decrease thus effected is part of the financial policy advocated by the Governor who disfavours trying to maintain our cash balances permanently at a high figure—we had on June 30 over \$18,000,000 in hand—but recommends that they should not be kept much below \$5,000,000 for any long period, "as it is very desirable that we should be in a position to meet at once unexpected calls or unforeseen troubles without dislocation of our finances."

Having consistently advocated the policy of pressing forward development works with every speed, without regard to whether the budget for the year shows a heavy deficit or not so long as the Colony has balances available, the process being merely one of changing the form of our assets, the Governor foresees the time in the next few years when it will have become necessary to raise loans to finance certain development works which will later pay for themselves and certain development works which will be of equal, if not greater, importance to future generations as to the present. For the first His Excellency recommends short term loans which can be repaid when the works are paying a profit, and for the second long term loans which will ensure that our successors may bear their fair share of the cost. This policy, His Excellency believes will make it unnecessary at least for many years to come to contemplate any materially increased taxation, even if the revenue from opium ceases to figure in our returns.

### ARRESTING FIGURES.

The Colony's financial position is sound. Last year's estimated balance of revenue over expenditure was \$402,844.

Owing to the high prices received from land sales and to the higher receipts from the Opium Monopoly, the actual figure was \$2,211,732.

The revised revenue estimate for this year is approximately \$25,482,474 as against \$22,982,474.

The increase is mainly due to the operation of the same causes as last year—to wit a saving on expenditure and high prices for land owing to speculation.

Expenditure, originally estimated at \$21,579,530, is expected to exceed that sum by \$1,200,000.

The increase is mainly due to the fact that the amount for Public Works Extraordinary will, in all probability, be exceeded for the first time since 1917. Other factors are the heavy initial expenditure on typhoon moorings, patrol launches and the rescue tug for the Harbour Department.

The excess of assets over liabilities amounted, on June 30, to \$18,193,520, but by the end of the year it will probably be reduced to about \$14,000,000 as expenditure during the remaining months is expected to be very high.

Next year's estimated revenue amounts to \$21,812,700. The principal increases are light dues, stamp duties, tobacco duties and postage.

Against these increases is off-set an anticipated falling off in receipts from land sales.

The expenditure for next year is estimated at \$30,463,611, being an increase of \$5,538,944 over the original estimate for this year, and \$4,342,759 over the revised estimate.

The estimated expenditure exceeds the estimated revenue by nearly \$9,000,000.



SIR EDWARD STUBBS.

The revenue, however, is estimated on a conservative basis. In any event the Colony's cash balances are sufficient to cover the estimated deficit.

### SALIENT POINTS.

#### Ground Covered By The Governor.

These figures were announced by H.E. the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) in his budget speech at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

Reviewing next year's programme of expenditure, entailing a \$9,000,000 deficit, His Excellency mentioned among other matters provided for in the budget a bigger police force, more health officials, an armoured car for the Volunteer Defence Corps, an infectious diseases hospital, big water schemes, improved communications in Kowloon, a new jail and training school, a full-time medical officer for schools, quarters in Kowloon, for the clerical staff, costing over \$1,500,000, increases in the staffs of various departments and \$300,000 more in P.W.D. salaries.

Referring to the big increase in the opium revenue, His Excellency said that the Government had again thought it right to act on the assumption that during the coming year, possibly as a result of the discussions which are about to take place at Geneva, some means will be found of reducing the consumption of opium, which will not merely involve the substitution of smuggled Chinese opium for the product prepared by the Government.

His Excellency remarked regarding the expected lower yield from land next year, that there have lately been clear indications that the land boom is now over at any rate temporarily. Although this might be a matter for regret, from the revenue standpoint, he

### PRINCIPAL HEADINGS.

#### Where The Money Goes.

The main items in the budget are as follows:

Governor	94,082
Cadet Service	325,843
Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature	67,523
Colonial Secretary's Special Expenditure	450
Secretariat for Chinese Affairs	30,359
Audit Department	51,871
Treasury	76,542
Harbour Master's Department	491,322
Harbour Master's Special Expenditure	714,750
Imports and Exports Department	1,021,183
Imports and Exports Special Expenditure	80,250
Royal Observatory	42,401
Royal Observatory Special Expenditure	18,000
Miscellaneous Services	704,979
Judicial and Legal Departments	322,343
Police Force	1,787,937
Police Force Special Expenditure	181,300
Fire Brigade	183,411
Fire Brigade Special	

Expenditure	91,300
Prisons Department	451,972
Prisons Department Special Expenditure	1,500
Medical Department	577,108
Medical Department Special Expenditure	138,100
Sanitary Department	736,870
Sanitary Department Special Expenditure	93,030
Botanical and Forestry Department	92,991
Botanical and Forestry Department Special Expenditure	11,000
Education Department	939,874
Education Department Special Expenditure	158,500
Volunteer Defence Corps	40,285
Volunteer Defence Corps Special Expenditure	10,350
Public Works Department	1,490,959
Public Works Department Special Expenditure	85,000
Public Works, Recurrent	1,330,450
Public Works, Extraordinary	9,187,200
Port Development Department	121,376
Port Development Department Special Expenditure	3,500
Port Works, Extraordinary	1,412,000
Post Office	383,131
Kowloon-Canton Railway	590,423
Kowloon-Canton Railway Special Expenditure	518,160
Pensions	580,280
Charitable Services	68,323
Total	\$25,278,133

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Hongkong, 14th October, 1924.

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## MAIL WEEK NEWS.

## ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Six children have been born at the Wembley Exhibition.

By cutting his pocket a thief took a hook containing £500 from a cattle dealer at Edinburgh market.

About 280 cadetships at Sandhurst and Woolwich for Army commissions are offered for competition.

Suggestions for improvements were made by 3,497 Great Western Railway employees in 12 months.

Searchlights from warships played all night during salvage work on a naval drifter on the rocks near Weymouth.

Married first when 19, Mr. Alfred Jones, 79, of Netheron, Worcestershire, has celebrated his second silver wedding.

Traced by his insurance card, the decomposed body of William Hyde, 59, gardener, of Fleet, Hampshire, has been found in a Richmond Park plantation.

Diving into the sea from Southsea beach, 2nd Aircrewman Richard Edwards, 20, of H.M.S. "Argus," struck his head on the bottom and died from fracture of the spine.

After three years of bad trade the works of Messrs. Cochrane and Co., Dudley, east-iron pipe makers, where 500 men were formerly employed, have been sold for dismantling.

At a Portsmouth inquest on Lieut. Edward Russell, who shot himself in the training ship "Fisgard," it was stated that his idea that he was suffering from cancer was a delusion.

Ten per cent. of the permanent commissions in the cavalry, infantry, Royal Tank Corps, and Royal Army Service Corps will be available yearly to officers of the Supplementary Reserve.

Charged with murdering her baby by throwing it into the river, Maud Norman, 23, a single woman who said she was homeless and starving, was committed for trial at Spalding, Lincolnshire.

The two-acre site, Endsleigh Gardens, in Euston-road, is being added to the number of London's lost open spaces. It has been sold for more than £45,000 to the Society of Friends as a building plot.

Presented by an American women's organisation, a bust of Robert E. Lee, commander of the Confederate forces in the American Civil War, was unveiled at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

The King has approved of the 159th (London) Anti-Aircraft Battery, Royal Artillery (T.A.), being called in future the 159th (Lloyd's, City of London), Anti-Aircraft Battery, Royal Artillery (T.A.).

"I am going to die with the man I love most dearly," wrote Bertha Kwong Lee, 23, the English wife of a Chinese laundress, of Salford, who took poison after going away with a man. A verdict of Felony was returned at the inquest.

Arrested while spending a golfing holiday at Silloth, Harold Boddington, 42, manager of the Workington branch of the National Provincial Bank, was at Workington Police Court remanded on charges of stealing £1,200 belonging to the bank.

None of the Merton Estate, near Watton, Norfolk, belonging to Lt.-Col. George de Grey, son of Lord Walsingham, was sold when it was put up for auction at Norwich. A leading farmer said: "We don't want to buy land. Farmers are 'fed up' with agricultural prices."

## A WIFE'S VALUE.

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A High Court judge recently condemned the practice in divorce proceedings of assessing the value of a wife at a nominal sum, and certainly curious views are often taken by jurors of the damages sustained through the loss of conjugal bliss.

When money is otherwise involved in the domestic relations the law is generous, and the innocent party is put as nearly as possible in the same position as he or she was before the dissolution. Generally the divorced wife is thus benefited; but it works both ways.

Not long ago a man applied to the court for a share of a bequest that his divorced wife had received since their marriage, when they were in very humble circumstances. She pleaded that most of the money had been spent; but she was ordered to pay her former husband £2 a week.

## THROWN INTO PRISON.

In another case even a contingent interest was allowed for. Under a marriage settlement, a woman was given power to leave to her husband an interest of £5,000 a year. This clause was inserted at the direction of her father, who thought that it would ensure her husband's good behaviour. But it was he, not she, who found it necessary to apply for a divorce. This was granted, together with part of the wife's income and, on the assumption that but for the divorce she would have willed him £5,000 a year, that amount annually after her death.

Loss of affection and companionship, however, is generally considered of comparatively little account. A short time ago a wife sued a woman who had, she alleged, enticed her husband away from her, and claimed only £4,000 damages. Particularly small is this loss deemed when the wife is the guilty party, though in the Victorian age aggrieved husbands often obtained heavy damages.

In a remarkable case one man claimed £20,000, and his counsel, whose speech to the jury, it is stated, "melted the court into tears," did his best to show that he deserved it.

"Young, beautiful, and accomplished," said the eloquent advocate, in referring to the erring wife, "she was adorned with all that earth or heaven could bestow to make her amiable. Virtue never found a fairer temple; beauty never veiled a purer sanctuary. The graces of her mind retained the admiration which her beauty had attracted and the eye her charms fired became subdued and chastened in the modesty of their association."

But the jury assessed the value of this paragon at £5,000, which the defendant was unable to pay. As there was then no relief for damages of this kind, he was thrown into prison, where he remained for twenty-eight years.

The damages awarded in several other cases, including one in which £40,000 was claimed, were £10,000, and once a husband was given a solatium of £15,000.

Now the value of a wife, as assessed by a jury, is rarely more than one-tenth of the smaller of these amounts. In five recent cases the damages awarded were £500, £150, £200, £100, and £300, respectively, and in another the husband had to be content with a paltry £5, the judge expressing the opinion that even that was more than his wife was worth.

Since a man gets £500 or more for the loss of an arm or a leg, it is absurd to award £50 or £100 for the loss of a wife who is worth anything at all; and where a jury, on some ground, cannot award reasonable damages, the best course, perhaps, would be not to give the husband anything. In these matters it is especially desirable to avoid the ridiculous.

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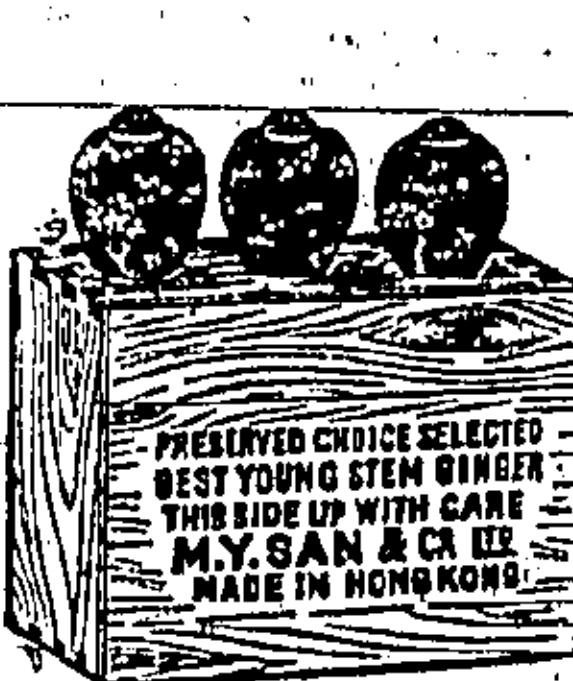
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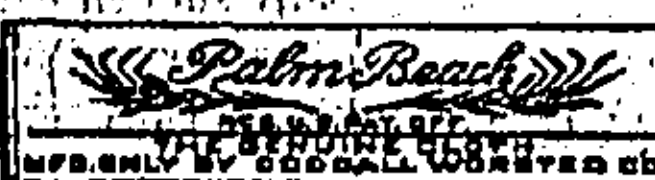
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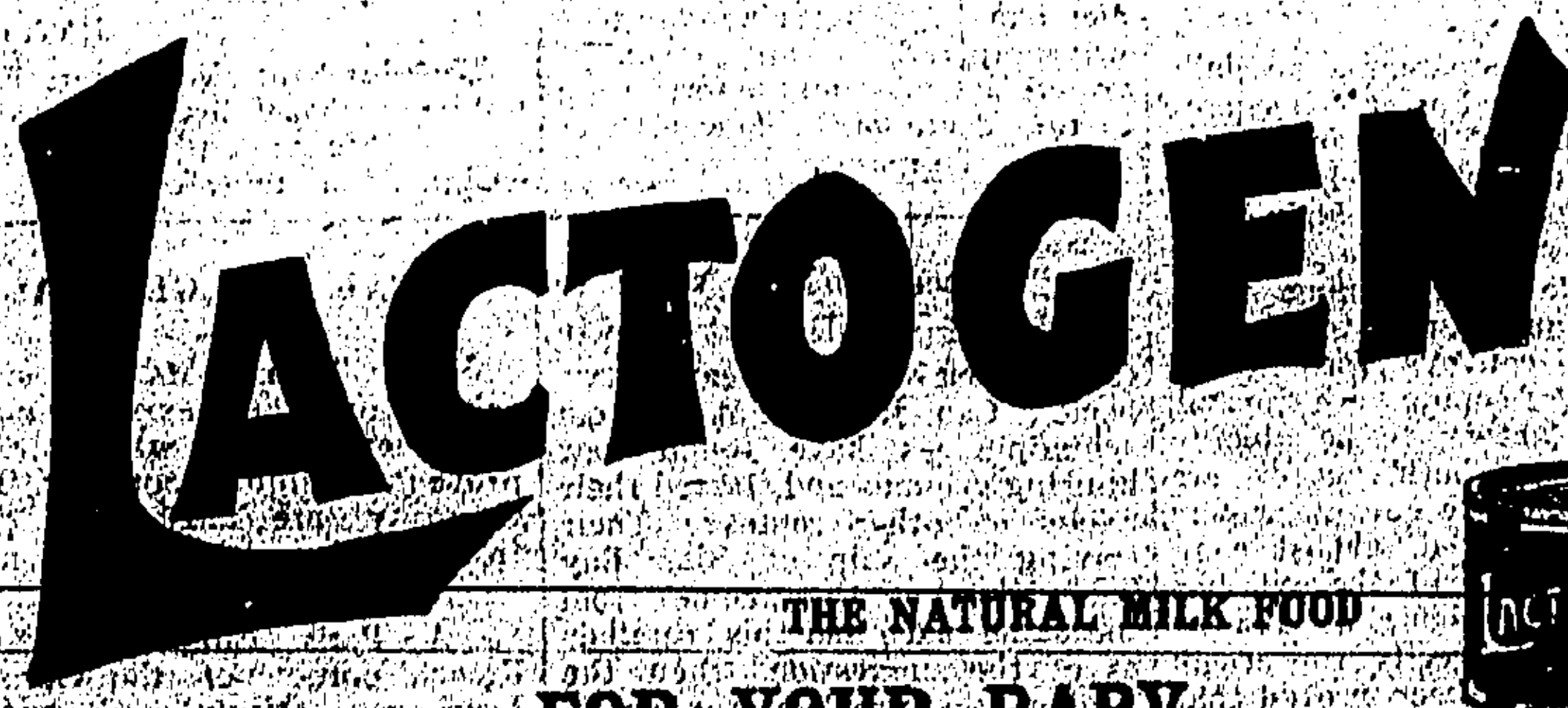
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCT. 16, 1924.

AVOIDING HEAVIER  
TAXATION.

Plainly the most arresting feature of the budget speech which the Governor made in the Legislative Council this afternoon is not the exceptionally heavy programme of public works outlined for next year—over \$9,000,000 is set aside for public works extraordinary alone—nor yet the many improvements promised for the various Government departments in the way of increased staffs and better facilities; the most arresting feature of the budget speech, plainly, is the financial policy His Excellency advocated not merely for the coming year but for the much longer period implied by the words "near future." Briefly this policy is to press forward development works with every speed, even if this entails a deficit for this year. Each year the deficit can be met

from our cash balances, care being taken of course not to deplete these beyond a point—His Excellency suggests \$5,000,000—where any sudden call would dislocate our finances. Once our balances have been thus reduced, the time will have come to seek elsewhere for the money with which to finance certain desirable or essential development works. Obviously there is only one way to raise the money, His Excellency points out, namely by way of loans—short term loans for development works which will, when completed, pay for themselves and possibly yield a profit; long term loans for development works which will not bring any appreciable return but which will prove of equal, if not greater, benefit to future generations as the present. This policy will almost certainly commend itself to the public, since the Governor is able to promise that under it, for many years to come, materially increased taxation can be avoided, even if the revenue from opium ceases to figure in our returns. Hitherto when the efforts being made to suppress the opium trade

have been discussed among the knowing ones, the opinion has almost invariably been whispered that the resulting loss of revenue could have only one outcome—the income tax bogey come to life at last. But apart from pressing forward big development works and at the same time avoiding heavier taxation, the policy advocated by the Governor will commend itself to the public because there has always been a strong feeling against hoarding huge sums which might well be spent in the general interests of the community. Similarly there has long been a growing conviction—voiced by the "China Mail" for one—that the present generation should not be called upon to bear the full expense of development works that will prove of equal, if not of more, benefit to later generations, that are indeed, in some instances, as the Governor pointed out alluding to the Shing Mun Valley water scheme, essential for these later generations. Manifestly it is only right that posterity should bear its share. That loans—short term loans, are not less desirable for development works, paying for themselves or yielding a profit soon after they are completed—the Governor instanced the Praya East reclamation work—is equally clear, for to draw upon the revenue or the balances for these works is simply to tie up good money that could be better employed in other directions. "This much must be clear to everyone. What is less certain, however, is whether the Governor's policy will be carried out. Sir Edward Stubbs is nearing the end of the customary term for office in Hongkong and it would seem from his remarks in the Legislative Council this afternoon that he himself is not sure whether that term will be extended. Discussing the general financial position he observed that "very possibly" this would be the last budget he would have the pleasure of placing before the Council. "Very possibly" could mean that he might remain here for another five years, an interpretation which would seem to gain weight by a later remark that he proposed to follow his present policy in any future budget that he might be privileged to lay before the Council. Naturally we should be sorry to misrepresent His Excellency by reading into his words inferences they are not meant to contain; apart from a very human curiosity about his future our only motive in analysing his remarks is a desire to judge, if possible, what prospects there are of his financial policy being carried out. Obviously if Sir Edward Stubbs leaves Hongkong there is no guarantee at all that his policy will be continued. Certainly he may this afternoon have convinced both the officials and the unofficials that his policy is "reasonable and practical," but the officials, upon an issue like this, have no option but to accept the views of the reigning governor, and the unofficials are of course powerless against the official majority. Therefore if Sir Edward Stubbs leaves Hongkong his words this afternoon may have all been to no purpose beyond imbuing the public mind with the wisdom of the policy he has set forth. Hongkong before this has had governors who have believed in trying to accumulate big balances—we could name at least one offhand—and it might easily get another, especially in view of the political changes, actual and possible, in the Homeland. However it is useless thus to speculate further upon the uncertain future. Having examined such few portents as are visible, we must be content with examining plans that are almost sure to mature, namely the Government's programme of expenditure for next year. But that is such a formidable task that we must defer it until tomorrow.

**Pirates.**

Local river steamers, especially those recognised as catering more for passengers than for cargo, have been almost entirely immune from pirate attacks during the last few months. Since there was considerable heartburning when the agitation arose as to whether guards or convoys formed the better way of coping with the evil, it is satisfactory to be able to record that as both guards are employed and the convoy system is still maintained, almost complete eradication of the evil has been brought about as far as Hongkong is directly concerned. It has certainly been proved that offence is the best defence; and the quiet system of offence carried out by the police, has also helped materially to forestall pirates. The gang who worked the "Ning-shing" appear to have stuck to hard and fast rules that were in force in our waters a year or two back. Can it be that our old acquaintances have found new hunting grounds and started their tricks on other routes? Their leaving the ship at Bias Bay indicates that they come from the same place and this reminds us of the suggestion when the local piracy problem was acute, that the countryside be blown to bits. If other ports follow the example set by Hongkong, we venture to predict that the evil will be automatically stamped out.

**"ALL IS NOW QUIET"**

**CANTON'S ORDEAL OVER.**

**BIG FIRES UNDER CONTROL.**

**Merchant Volunteers Defeated.**

Canton is emerging from a terrible ordeal of killing, wanton destruction, incendiarism, looting, and savage street warfare. On the one side were the merchants—or rather, their Volunteer Corps—and on the other was the Canton Government, whose mercenaries carried out its bidding, assisted by the rabble of the city.

**\$7,000,000 Damage.**

The latest position is best summed up in the following message courteously handed to the "China Mail":—  
At about noon to-day the two Chinese members of Council received the following news about Canton from the Hon. Colonial Secretary:—

"Latest intelligence from Canton received by the Naval Authorities is that a large fire raged yesterday but is now under control. The Merchants Volunteers have been defeated. The damage is estimated at \$7,000,000, and the loss of life is probably large. All is now quiet."

**Treachery.**

Owing to the unfortunate interruption to the telegraph service between Hongkong and Canton, this Colony was kept in suspense till after mid-night last night when, on the arrival of the night boats from Canton, some news was gathered. Since then hardly anything has dribbled through but we are authentically informed that although the worst was feared the trouble did not spread last night as expected and that the resistance of the merchants has been broken, leaving the Government the victors.

Most surprising of all has been the treachery of the Cantonese troops under General Li Fook-lam (ruler of Honam and the new Mayor) who instead of assisting the merchants, openly attacked them and took a leading hand in the looting. The attitude taken by the two Yunnanese peace-makers, General Fan Shek-sang and Lieut.-General Liu Hang-chiu—was also unexpected. It was thought that knowing which side of their bread was buttered, they would at least be sympathetic towards the merchants but they were content to guard their own "spheres" and in some instances, their men joined hands with attacking pro-Government troops.

**Effect of Gunboats.**

In an extra issued to-day, the "Wah Tsze Yat-Po" hints that Dr. Sun Yat-sen's cruiser, the "Wing Fung" was prevented from joining the fray by the proximity of two foreign gunboats which signified that it had better not open fire.

At 10 last night the boats from Hongkong left as usual and they should have arrived there this morning. Hardly any passengers shipped but a few Europeans made the journey. The boats which left on Tuesday and reached Canton yesterday morning had difficulty in getting alongside but their passengers refused to leave the ships and were ultimately brought back to Hongkong. A few left the ships from the "off-side" and proceeded by sampans to Honam Island—across the river where it was quiet and where thousands of people stood watching the fighting on the Bund.

**March to Canton?**

Yunnanese and other troops were last reported as heavily guarding all approaches to Canton, particularly the Canton-Samshui Railway, along which the Merchants Volunteers and Village Guards assembled at Fatsan can move rapidly along to strike at Canton.

There seems little doubt that the backbone of the merchants has been broken and that almost unbearable terms will be exacted in addition to the Volunteers being deprived of their arms. But their colleagues, the Village Guards, are all trained fighters, all having been in action against bandits and pirates. The anti-Sun press predicts that the Village Guards of the whole province, said to number over 40,000, will certainly march on Canton. If so, peace is not yet in sight.

**Fighting Described.**

Our special correspondent, writing at 4 p.m. yesterday about the fighting, says:—

About 30 this morning, fighting broke out between the Merchants Volunteers and the Bolshevik Government, which had officially declared the Volunteers "disbanded" and had given definite orders to different troops to storm the city and disarm the merchants. A most elaborate plan was prepared, including even the armed launches and the forts down to the mouth of the Canton River at Bocca Tigris.

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Fighting has continued, intermittently, all day and even now shots can be heard from several directions. Nevertheless, the ubiquitous European and American business men walked along the Bund all day as though nothing had happened.

From the Hotel Asia, along the Bund, the whole length of Shakes (facing Shamen) to the outskirts of the city, Yunnanese soldiers were on guard and firing away. At first it was not known if they were trying to dislodge the merchants or to repulse the other regular troops, but later on it became apparent that they were not on the side of the merchants. Nevertheless they prevented other detachments from entering their lines.

Soldiers were posted on the top of the Sun building and at the entrance to all side streets and making disconcerted efforts to get inside. Volunteers were stoutly defending their barricades, hoping for reinforcements from the Yunnanese, or Li Fook-lam, or the Village Guards.

**Violent Used.**

Firing had continued for upwards of two hours before the Government regulars could make any headway. The Volunteers, receiving their baptism of fire, gradually fell back from advanced posts and retired on the centre of the Western Suburb, which was strongly entrenched.

Companies from Wu Te-chien's Red Army acted as pioneers for the Regulars, as did Labourers who, armed with house-breaking implements, broke down barricades. Not far from the Asia Hotel, a platoon of Merchants held their defences by throwing vitriol at the attackers who retaliated by rushing into a tea-house from which they procured dozens of kettles full of boiling water which they threw back at the defenders.

It was noticed that the Volunteers were mostly on house-tops all connected by a system of overhead bridges extending all over the Western Suburb. When it was found that street fighting was not successful, fires broke out simultaneously in at least seven places in the city causing confusion to the Volunteer defenders. As fighting was going on little could be done towards putting out the fires and the Volunteers continued to fall back. Bit by bit the regulars advanced and by nine o'clock had taken the outskirts.

**Looting Breaks Out.**

Then commenced a rush for Honam, via the Bund which was guarded by Government troops. Helpless civilians, with probably all they could rescue from their burnt homes, were searched and plucked ruthlessly. Soldiers began to get out of hand, breaking into shops and coming out with all they could get. A tea-house behind the Asia Hotel was entered four times, the miscreants taking with them, hams, cakes, etc., blankets and even empty tea-chests.

With the high range of buildings on the water-front, it was difficult for artillery to be used but I have heard several speak of machine-guns being used in desperate street fighting.

Gradually the firing died away and the fires continued, these being seen across the river. Extra guards were posted along the Shamen water-front but there was no disorder at the bridge-heads. Tungshan, where many Europeans live, is also quite safe.

**LATER.**

The Merchants Volunteers have not been wholly disarmed, according to information reaching the "China Mail" this afternoon.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

The "China Mail" has received from the Texas Company a Gasoline Gauge, which should prove invaluable to motorists. The Company are anxious to hear from those in need of them.

A Paris cable states, the French portion of the German Loan was entirely taken up by French bankers, who are disposing of the bonds privately. It is stated the demand is so strong, the issue may be considered already virtually fully subscribed.

**FOR THE BUSY MAN.**

**GOVERNOR'S BUDGET SPEECH CONDENSED.**

**NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAMME.**

The Harbour Office gets two additional marine surveyors, two new clerks and (for two years) an experienced office assistant and accountant to institute a proper filing system.

The whole Police Fleet is transferred to the Harbour Master for the purposes of supervision and fueling.

Provision is made for the completion of the approved typhoon moorings, for the construction of a reserve tug and for the construction and upkeep of anti-piracy patrol launches.

The Imports and Exports Department gets an additional revenue officer for the supervision of New Territories distillers; also the approved new sea-going launch.

The Royal Observatory gets new magnetic instruments and a suitable site is being sought for these instruments.

Nothing is noted for the Empire Exhibition owing to the uncertainty whether it will be continued, and if Hongkong will participate, if it is continued.

Additional grants are provided of \$100 to the British Empire Lapsing Association, of \$1,500 to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The vote for rent allowances is increased to cover the Senior Staff, Subordinate European Staff, and Asiatic officers of ten years' service—all subject to certain conditions.

Provision is made to cover the cost of the Registry of Companies in Shanghai.

**EUROPEAN ARMOURER.**

The Police Force has received two additional Assistant Superintendents, and gets, besides some additional clerical assistance, a fully qualified European armourer.

The European Force has been increased by ten, and the Indian Force by sixty; the Cantonese Contingent has been fixed at 515 and the Welhviet at 370, being an increase over this year's figures of 140 men.

Provision is made for the crew of the additional Water Police launch, and a new cruising launch is to be acquired to replace No. 4 Launch in this day.

Provision is also made for a new motor van, additional rifles and bayonets, and an armourer's chest.

A weigh-bridge is to be bought for motor vehicles as licence fees are assessed by weight.

The Fire Brigade gets a small increase in staff and additional machines and appliances; also a small car to facilitate the Superintendent's inspection work.

Provision is made for fire alarms and pedestal fire hydrants which it is proposed to erect next year. Further temporary jail accommodation is provided at Leichikok. An Assistant Superintendent, one new Assistant Chief Warder, an additional Principal Warder and nine warders are to be appointed.

The Medical Department gets two additional European medical officers, one qualified in bacteriology.

**SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER.**

A full-time medical officer is to be appointed to examine the pupils in all Government schools and schools which come under the Education Ordinance.

When the old building at the Victoria Hospital has been finally reconducted by about the end of next September the new building will be devoted entirely to maternity cases.

The Kowloon Hospital will be ready about July and will be staffed by the Maryknoll Mission of New York.

A third port health officer is to be appointed, partly in connection with the new quarantine station which should be ready next year. The health officer gets a motor launch.

Equipment for the new hospitals costs \$122,000 and additional equipment is to be bought for the Government Civil Hospital.

The Sanitary Department gets three additional inspectors, twenty-six extra scavenging coolies and seventeen burghers. The new post of Colonial Veterinary Surgeon is created.

Five more motor lorries are likely to be purchased for refuse removal.

The Botanical and Forestry Department will spend \$10,000 for a forestry reserve in the Tai Po water works catchment area.

This will prevent fouling of the water supply and will in time, it is hoped, provide a supply of firewood for emergencies.

The Education Department gets three more junior masters and the Normal Schools are being re-organized.

The Volunteer Defence Corps receives larger grants—for the Mounted Infantry Section and for the purchase and upkeep of an armoured car.

The advantages of the New Port Development Department are extolled and it is mentioned that the heads of sub-departments in the P.W.D. are relieving the Director

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**ICE HOUSE STREET.**

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir—You would confer a favour on local residents that pass through Ice House Street daily by inserting this in your esteemed newspaper. The lower end of Ice House Street, outside Messrs. Hughes and Hough and the offices lower down, is every morning and noon barraged with rickshaws frequently too deep, so that it is almost impossible to pass through the street without being prodded by shafts or other part of a ricksha or chair. Even the chair coolies have now made Ice House Street their stand from which they offer themselves for hire.

Frequent complaints have been made to the authorities without avail and therefore other action is necessary. There is no good reason why Statue Square, Charter Road or other little used spots should not be available for the rickshaws and chairs that usually collect in Ice House Street, most of the vehicles belonging to employees of the offices around and only in use from 1 to 2 p.m. or after office hours; the rest of the day they are idle and merely obstruct a pathway which should, for the public's benefit, be barred to all vehicles.

Before concluding it is well to mention that an occasional "move on" by the police is useless to remedy the evil. Two warnings after which licences would be confiscated for a period, or a fine in lieu, is all that is necessary.

Yours truly,

"CITIZEN."

Hongkong, October 14.

of much detail work.

\$300,000 SALARIES INCREASE. The maximum salaries generally of Engineers have been increased, but the reorganization is not yet complete so far as the Architectural Office and Survey Department are concerned.

Altogether changes in the P.W.D. will require \$300,000 for personal emoluments and \$109,696 for salaries, etc., in connection with new Port Development Department.

The additions to staff comprise thirteen more engineers for various sub-departments, twenty-four other officers, and additional clerical assistance in the lower grades.

Other additions to staff include five more wireless operators, six more land surveyors and two more land bullocks.

Public Works Extraordinary are estimated to cost \$9,187,200, but it is more than likely this figure will not be reached.

Provision is made for additional officers' quarters.

A sum of \$30,000 is provided for the new Infectious Diseases Hospital but this amount may be exceeded. The selected site is causing some trouble and the plans have yet to be approved in their entirety.

Temporary police barracks in Hospital Road require a further \$35,000.

A narrow new road for motor traffic to Cape d'Aguilar absorbs \$30,000, and \$87,700 for an underground cable to the same place.

Converting the Bowen Road Filter Beds from the slow to the rapid filtering system is to cost \$100,000.

An urgent necessity is the store for Government materials. This will form the nucleus of a Government Central Store Department.

\$1,500,000 CLERICAL QUARTERS. A beginning is to be made with clerical service quarters in Nathan Road, as recommended by a committee. The total cost will probably exceed \$1,500,000.

Large sums are provided for communications in Kowloon, in connection with which another committee, helped by the K.R.A., has done excellent work.

Large sums are also required for mainland drainage and \$60,000 is to be spent on laying certain cables underground.

A contract has been let for piling the site of the New Jail and Training School on the Kai Tak reclamation ground. Prison labour is to be used for cutting down hills.

It has been impossible to make a start with the new Lunatic Asylum and another site may have to be selected.

Low-lying ground to the south-west of Kowloon City is to be filled in. The Kowloon telephone line to Fanling is to be put underground.

A start is to be made with the Shing Mun Valley water schemes but estimates are only tentative.

Post Office duties have been slightly re-arranged and a small increase is being made in the staff.

The railway estimates, recent owing to a change in the system of accounts, mention that running expenses have been kept low but certain purchases and changes are to be made.

The stoppage of through traffic had a disastrous effect on the revenue and it is impossible for the time to pay until through traffic is resumed.

Three months hence the Fanling Branch Line will be replaced by the motor road now being made.



## COLONY'S RECORD BUDGET.

### NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAMME OUTLINED.

#### HOW \$25,000,000 WILL BE SPENT.

### Governor Discusses Future Financial Policy.

Speaking on the Budget Bill in the Legislative Council this afternoon, His Excellency the Governor said: Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:— In introducing the Budget last year I stated that the Expenditure for 1923 was expected to amount to \$21,579,530. This proved to be a very close estimate as the expenditure actually brought to account was only \$7,500 less. Revenue was at the same time estimated to reach the total of \$22,982,474 but a sum of \$24,783,762 was actually received, the excess being due mainly to the high prices received from land sale and to the receipts from the Opium Monopoly being higher than the estimate. Revenue exceeded expenditure by just over three million dollars and the balance of assets over liabilities on the 31st December, 1923, was therefore increased to nearly sixteen million dollars.

#### Higher Revenue Figures.

Revenue for 1924 is expected to exceed the estimate made last year by about two and a half million dollars owing to the operation of the same causes as in the previous year. As I pointed out last year the estimate of opium revenue was purposely placed at a low figure in the hope—unfortunately still unrealized—that conditions in China would improve to such an extent as to admit of steps being taken to suppress the growth of opium, and thus to make it possible for us to introduce measures for the reduction of consumption without their being stifled by an increase in illicit importation.

#### Excess of Expenditure.

Expenditure is expected to exceed our estimate by one million two hundred thousand dollars. This excess is due mainly to the fact that the amount provided for Public Works Extraordinary will in all probability be exceeded for the first time since 1917 and to the heavy initial payments for the construction of Typhoon Mooring, Patrol Launches and the Rescue Tug for the Harbour Department having to be made this year. Expenditure during the remaining months of this year is expected to be very high and if these expectations are correct the balance of assets over liabilities, which reached the high level of \$18,193,520 at the end of June, will probably be reduced to about \$14,000,000 by the end of the year. I will refer at a later stage to the general financial position.

#### Conservative Lines.

The specific sums which we expect to receive under each sub-head of revenue are shown on page 6 to 12 of the Estimates before you. The estimates which amount to a total of \$21,812,700 have again been made on a conservative basis, being some five lacs only above the estimate for this year, which as I have said will be greatly exceeded. We have again thought it right to act on the assumption that during the coming year, possibly as a result of the discussions which are about to take place at Geneva, some means will be found of reducing the consumption of opium, which will not merely involve the substitution of smuggled Chinese opium for the product prepared by Government. The estimated revenue from opium has therefore again been placed at 3½ million dollars. The principal increases anticipated are under the heads of Light Dues, Stamp Duties, Tobacco Duties and Postage. Land Sales are expected to yield a much lower sum in 1925 than in the last few years, as there have lately been clear indications that the land-boom is now over at any rate temporarily. Considered solely from the point of view of Revenue the end of the period of high prices at land sales is a matter for regret but, personally, I feel that it is better for the community that prices should revert to a level which will enable an adequate return to be obtained from capital invested in land and that the speculative element, which has been so prominent of late, should cease to bulk so largely in these transactions.

#### Rate of Exchange.

The expenditure for next year is estimated to amount to \$30,463,611 being an increase of \$5,638,944 over the original estimate for this year and \$4,342,759 over the revised estimate. The increases and decreases under each department are shown in the Sessional Paper which has been laid on the table. The rate of exchange adopted for those estimates is 2s. 8d. as against 2s. 2d. in respect of the current year and the dollar equivalent of all sterling payments has therefore decreased slightly except as regards salaries

which are payable at a fixed exchange.

#### Harbour Office Vote.

The votes for the Harbour Master's Department have been increased by nearly two lacs. The increase is necessitated by the ever-growing volume of shipping frequenting this port while recent events have made it necessary to incur new and special expenditure amounting to over \$700,000. Two additional marine surveyors have been added, and by the courtesy of the Crown Agents for the Colonies an experienced office assistant and accountant has been seconded for two years to supervise the accounts in this large department and to institute a proper system of filing the voluminous records dealing with shipping in all its aspects.

#### Increase of Charges.

The votes for recurrent charges have been increased by about \$140,000 mainly owing to the transfer of the whole Police Fleet to the Harbour Master for the purpose of supervision, repairs and fuelling. A corresponding reduction is made in the Police votes. Under Special Expenditure provision is made for the completion of the Typhoon Mooring in the Harbour which were approved after the typhoons last year, for the construction of a Rescue Tug and for the construction and upkeep of the Patrol Launches for anti-piracy work.

#### Imports And Exports.

Increases in the Imports and Exports Department are due partly to normal expansion, one additional Revenue Officer being necessary for the supervision of distilleries, etc., in the New Territories, and partly to the increased cost of materials connected with the manufacture of opium. A sum of \$30,250 appears under Special Expenditure to cover the final instalments and initial outfit of a new sea-going launch, the construction of which has been approved and is now proceeding.

#### New Observatory Instruments.

Under "The Royal Observatory" provision is made for the purchase of new magnetic instruments. The continuous encroachment of buildings in recent years has rendered the position of the Observatory unsuitable for magnetic observations. The question was referred to the authorities at the Meteorological Office, London, and to the Admiralty who replied that it was highly desirable not only for scientific reasons but also in connection with the preparation of Admiralty charts, showing errors of compasses, that this part of the work of the Observatory should continue and should be supplemented by additional self-recording instruments. The Director is now looking for a suitable site removed from all disturbing influences where these instruments can be placed.

#### Miscellaneous Votes.

Miscellaneous Services show a reduction this year. No vote has been entered for the British Empire Exhibition. The question whether the Exhibition will be continued next year is apparently still unsettled. If it should be decided to continue, it will be necessary to consider whether Hongkong should again take part in it. The point is one on which two views are possible and I do not wish to commit this Government to any opinion until the Council has had full opportunity of considering the matter. Additional grants have been provided of £100 to the British Empire Leprosy Association, of \$1,500 to the Hok Hoi Library which it is hoped will become a centre of Chinese learning in this Colony, and of \$5,000 to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This last vote represents a maximum sum and will not necessarily be expended in full. The arrangement which has been made with the Society is that the Government will contribute two dollars for every dollar which the Society receives in annual subscriptions and donations, up to a maximum of \$5,000. The Society, which has done excellent work and has now added to its responsibilities by taking charge of the new Dogs' Home in Kowloon, is in the opinion of the Government thoroughly deserving of public support.

The annual vote for furniture for Government Offices and quarters, which was in the past included in Public Works Extraordinary, has been transferred to this head.

#### Rents And Transport.

The vote for Rent Allowances has been increased considerably to cover first the Senior Staff who are granted rented quarters or rent allowances in lieu thereof under certain conditions, secondly

the Subordinate European Staff who have free quarters or a rent allowance where quarters are not available, and thirdly the Asiatic Officers of 10 years' service who have recently been granted these allowances.

The cost of transport of Government Servants has previously been under-estimated and the vote has therefore been increased.

In the Judicial and Legal Departments increased provision has been made, after consultation with the Foreign Office, to cover the cost of the Registry of Companies in Shanghai. The opening of a Second Magistracy in Kowloon has necessitated an increase of staff which has already resulted in a more speedy despatch of business. The saving of time and expense to the Police will more than cover the extra charges.

#### Larger Police Force.

The Police Force continues to expand with the growth of the Colony and on account of the very unsettled conditions in the neighbouring parts of China. Two additional Assistant Superintendents have been appointed. One of these appointments arises from the normal promotion of a Probationer and the other officer is required to take charge of the large force of guards on shore and for anti-piracy work afloat. Some additional clerical assistance has become necessary and in order that the large armory belonging to the force may be properly cared for it is proposed to appoint a fully qualified European Armourer. The European Force has been increased by ten, and the Indian Force by sixty; the Cantonese Contingent has been fixed at 515 and the Weihaiwei at 370, being an increase over this year's figures of 140 men. Under "Water Police" provision has been made for the crew of an additional launch. Other Charges show a reduction on account of the transfer of votes to the Harbour Department; the only important increases being due to the rent of premises taken over for additional stations and for married quarters for Indian Police. Special Expenditure is large on account of the necessity of obtaining a new cruising launch to replace No. 4 Launch which was originally used in connection with the construction of the Railway and has been in constant use in Mirs Bay since 1910.

Provision is also made for a new motor van, additional rifles and bayonets, and component parts for repairs, and an armourer's chest. A weigh-bridge for motor vehicles has become necessary as the licence fees payable are assessed by weight. Fire Brigades. Provision has been made in the Fire Brigade for a small increase in staff and additional machines. It is proposed to purchase a new motor pump with first aid appliances and carrying a forty foot extension ladder to replace the present tender at Mongkok, a trailer motor pump to replace an old hand drawn steam engine at Shaikwan, a small motor car to enable the Superintendent to carry out adequately his daily work of inspection and supervision and a Bayley Fire Escape to replace one condemned as unfit for further service. Provision has also been made for Fire Alarms and Pedestal Fire Hydrants which it is proposed to erect next year.

#### Prison Expansion.

Expansion in the Prisons Department has become a matter of urgency. The population of the jail continues to increase and it has been found necessary pending the erection of the new jail at Ngau Shi Wan, to provide further temporary accommodation at Lai Chi Kok. The duties and responsibilities of the Superintendent have increased greatly and it is proposed, therefore, to appoint an Assistant Superintendent who will help generally in administration and will be able to take charge during the absence of the Superintendent. It is also necessary to increase the numbers of the European Prison Officers; one new Assistant Chief Warden being appointed, an additional Principal Warden and nine warders. Increases in Other Charges are due to increased cost of materials and to the larger number of prisoners to be fed and clothed.

#### More Medical Men.

When addressing the Council last year on the Estimates for the Medical Department, I dwelt at some length on the increase of the staff and again this year I have to report a further increase. Provision is made for two additional European Medical Officers, one of whom will have qualifications in bacteriology which will enable him to afford any necessary assistance to the Government Bacteriologist and to act for him in the event of his absence, while the other will supervise Chinese hospitals and dispensaries. It is also intended to appoint a Medical Officer to examine the pupils in all Government schools and schools which come under the Education Ordinance. The officers of the Medical Department have already done much good work in this direction in Government schools but it is considered that the time has now come when the services of a full

time officer should be available. The reconditioning of the old building at the Victoria Hospital is expected to be completed by about September next year and as the new building will then be devoted entirely to maternity cases provision has been made for the necessary staff for three months. The Kowloon Hospital is expected to be ready about July and part provision has, therefore, been made for the staff which will be supplied by the Maryknoll Mission of New York. Considerable increases have been made in the various votes in Other Charges on account of the increased number of patients in the various hospitals and to cover the running expenses of the hospitals shortly to be opened.

A third Health Officer of the Port has become necessary not only on account of increased shipping but also in connection with the Quarantine Station which it is hoped may be in operation next year. Under Special Expenditure provision is made for a motor launch for the use of the Health Officers. The cost of equipment of the new hospitals is estimated at \$120,000 and sums have also been inserted for pharmaceutical apparatus and sterilizing plant to increase the efficiency of the equipment of the Government Civil Hospital.

#### Increased Sanitary Staff.

Expansion is also taking place in the duties of the Sanitary Department and some addition to the staff is necessary. A new post of Assistant Colonial Veterinary Surgeon has been inserted in order to cope with the increasing amount of work in connection with the Colony's fresh meat supply and three additional Sanitary Inspectors are required for new Health Districts in Hongkong and Kowloon. Twenty-six extra scavenging coolies, 17 bargemen and a few other minor appointments are necessary.

The use of motor lorries for refuse removal has proved a success, and the purchase of five more is contemplated.

A few small increases are made in the Botanical and Forestry Department including a larger provision for forestry both in Hongkong and New Territories while under Special Expenditure a sum of \$10,000 is inserted for the formation of a Forestry Reserve in the Water Works Catchment Area at Tai Po. The area formerly consisted of padi fields which had to be resumed to prevent fouling of the water supply and it is eminently suitable for growing of timber. It is hoped that in time the Government may be able to obtain from this plantation a supply of firewood which will be most useful in case of emergency.

#### Education Department.

The estimates for the Education Department provide for three more Junior Masters. Reorganisation is taking place in the Normal Schools for Men and for Women and the necessary staff has been provided, together with a sum under Special Expenditure for initial equipment. A larger sum is required for grants owing to the increasing number of pupils attending the various schools.

#### Volunteer Grants.

Sums have been inserted, on the advice of the General Officer Commanding, in the Estimates of the Volunteer Defence Corps for larger grants to the Mounted Infantry Section and for the purchase and upkeep of an Armoured Car. I note with satisfaction that there has recently been a marked increase in the interest taken in this Corps, which has not yet reached the strength which would naturally be expected in a community of this size. I am glad to learn that during the last twelve months or so its numbers have increased from about 270 to 420 men. The increase is mainly, I understand, in the Scottish and Mounted Companies, the Commanding Officers of which are, as is Colonel Bird, to be congratulated on the success which has attended their efforts to increase the numbers and the efficiency of their commands. As a result of these increases it is necessary to provide for additional uniforms, rifles and bayonets.

#### Port Development.

An important change during the current year in connection with Public Works has been the creation of a Port Development Department which will relieve the Director of Public Works of some part of the heavy work of his department. It is proposed to place under the head of this department, who has been given the title of Port Engineer, the supervision of all construction work within the Harbour limits such as docks, wharves and reclamations, though for the present certain construction work on reclamation and maintenance works in connection with existing sea walls and piers and the dredging of foreshores, will continue to be done by the Public Works Department. The chief work which the Port Engineer is now engaged in is that of preparing a general scheme of development and when that has been completed

it will be possible to take a wide survey of the future needs of the Port and of the means by which the approved works can be carried into effect. There will be many difficult problems to solve, but with the actual launching of the new department it only remains for experience to show how they can best be dealt with. I think that Honourable Members will agree with me that we are fortunate in having so good an officer as Mr. John Duncan available to take charge of this important department.

#### P.W.D. CHANGES.

##### Relief For Director.

It will also be observed that changes have been made in the Public Works Department tending to throw greater responsibility on the heads of the sub-departments and thus to relieve the Director of Public Works of much detail work so that he may be able to devote more time to matters of primary importance. The Water Engineer and the Drainage Engineer have many years of important and responsible work before them, while the other sub-departments such as those in charge of Roads and General Works have been somewhat reorganised. The maximum salaries generally of Engineers have been increased, but the reorganisation is not yet complete so far as the Architectural Office and the Survey Department are concerned.

#### Increased Emoluments.

These changes and the recruitment of a considerable number of new men to cope with the extensive programme of works which lies before us have resulted in a very large increase in personal emoluments which have risen by no less a sum than \$300,000 while a further sum of \$109,696 is required to cover the salaries and allowances of the officers in the new Port Development. The additions of staff consist of thirteen additional engineers, five for the Architectural Office, four for the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance Office, one each for Drainage, Waterworks, Wireless and General Works; four Senior Works Inspectors and sixteen additional Overseers, two Material Inspectors, a Store Supervisor and Stocktaker, an Office Assistant and Pay Clerk, and additional clerical assistance in the lower grades. Five more European Wireless Operators are also required, six local officers and twelve apprentices. Six more Land Surveyors are necessary and two additional Land-Bailiffs. In view of what was said in this Council during the debate on the estimates for this year and on other occasions I have no doubt that Honourable Members will readily approve these increases which are unavoidable if we are to continue the policy of developing the Colony as rapidly as our resources will allow.

These increases in staff involve corresponding increases in the votes under Other Charges. The large increase in recent years in the number of Government buildings, in the mileage of roads and in the cost of materials and labour account for the extra sums asked for under Public Works Recurrent.

The amount provided for Public Works Extraordinary is \$9,387,200 a much larger sum than in any former year, and as in the current year, a considerable amount of revision and re-allocation of funds between various items may be found necessary as the year proceeds. Even with the increased staff of the department it is most unlikely that the total estimate will be exceeded, and it is perhaps more likely than not that it will not be reached, but in order to be on the safe side I have thought it desirable to provide the maximum sum which I think that it will be possible to spend if all circumstances are favourable. There are not many new items, but the estimated cost of some of the works begun this year has been revised.

Quarters For Officers. Item 1. Officers' Quarters. Eight Senior Officers' Quarters at Wong Nei Ching are approaching completion and six quarters for subordinate officers close to them will probably be begun before the end of this year. It is also proposed to build some houses, of moderate size on sites along Harlech Road. Plans will be laid before Honourable Members in due course. In connection with the subject of the provision of quarters in Hongkong I would mention that the Government has recently purchased the property known as Queen's Gardens, which will eventually be developed so as to provide for the accommodation of a considerable number of officers.

With regard to Item 11 I may remark that it is intended to build a larger market on a new site at Saiyungpun. Later on the site of the present market will be sold. The item has been inserted in the estimates for next year as it is hoped to begin construction, but no plans or estimates of the cost have yet been prepared.

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## ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

PREMIER HAS NARROW  
ESCAPE.

PLATFORM COLLAPSES.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, October 15.  
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald had  
an alarming experience, when  
addressing an audience of 10,000  
at Blackheath, this afternoon.The platform collapsed and the  
Premier and 200 persons were  
thrown to the ground. Nobody  
was hurt; Mr. MacDonald arose  
smiling.BALDWIN'S HORSESHOE.  
At the Unionist rally at Queen's  
Hall, when Mr. Stanley Baldwin  
appeared on the platform, carrying  
a horseshoe decorated with red  
white and blue ribbon, he received  
a great ovation.He said the modern Samson, the  
Prime Minister, was determined to  
pull down the pillars of the  
Tabernacle. The Labour Party  
could never play its part as a  
patriotic, constitutional party until  
it purged itself of extremists.The Labour Government policy  
was based on feelings and  
emotions, which it was impossible  
to translate into action. If it were  
possible to embody any of the  
proposals of the Labour Manifesto  
in Acts of Parliament, appalling  
disturbance to trade, industry and  
the national life would result. It  
was the true function of Govern-  
ment to encourage individual effort.  
The most striking feature of the  
Labour Government's record was  
its failure as regards unemploy-  
ment, for which the electorate  
must call them most severely to  
account.

## IMPERIAL AFFAIRS.

After outlining the Unionist  
constructive policy Mr. Baldwin  
referred to imperial affairs. He  
said the Unionist Party stood for  
closest cooperation with regard to  
imperial preference. India at  
present was causing great anxiety,  
owing to the wrecking tactics of  
extremists, who did not attempt to  
conceal their intention, of  
rendering the present system of  
government unworkable.India was seething with  
a religious conflict between  
Hindus and Mahomedans. But  
for the strong protecting arm of  
Britain, which was never more  
urgently needed than to-day, large  
parts of India might revert to  
chaos. He feared some responsi-  
bility for this situation must rest  
with the nervous vacillating  
policy of Sir Sydney Olivier,  
Secretary of State for India.The Conservatives would un-  
hesitatingly pursue a firm definite  
policy, based on the letter and  
spirit of reforms guaranteed to  
India. Such a policy alone would  
restore order. He was determined  
due regard should be given to the  
needs of the public servants of  
India, who had suffered economic  
hardships.The first list of Conservative  
candidates numbers 530.

## PREMIER AT MANCHESTER.

In a speech before an audience  
of 5,000 at Manchester, Mr. Mac-  
donald, who received a tumultuous  
reception, said: The combination  
of Liberals and Tories might-  
though he thought not have the  
same effect as the same combina-  
tion in the House of Commons.  
We can go down: we have been  
down before. The Labour Party,  
ousted by unholy combinations,  
may lose a seat here and there; but  
I mistake human nature very  
much, if the manifestations of  
enthusiasm, which I have seen  
during the last two days, mean  
mere passing emotion.

## CESAREWITCH.

CHARLEY'S MOUNT WINS.

VICTORY FOR OUTSIDER.

LONDON, October 16.  
The race for the Cesarewitch (2  
miles, 2 furlongs) was run at New-  
market to-day. The result was:Charley's Mount ... 1  
Bolet Satan ... 2  
Savernake ... 3  
Thirty-four ran.Won by one length, a neck  
separating second and third.  
Starting prices were 100-1 agst.  
Charley's Mount; 25-1 agst. Bolet  
Satan; 100-6 agst. Savernake.

## IRAQ.

CONVOCAION OF COUNCIL  
OF LEAGUE.

ANGLO-TURKISH DISPUTE.

(Reuter's Service.)

GENEVA, October 15.  
The General Secretary of the  
League has received a telegram  
from Mr. MacDonald. It requests  
the immediate convocation of the  
Council of the League in view of  
examining the divergent Anglo-  
Turkish interpretations of the  
Council's resolution of September  
30 regarding the situation in the  
Middle East.

## Z.R.3.

GIANT AIRSHIP ARRIVES  
IN U.S.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, October 15.  
The Z.R.3 arrived at Lakehurst  
aerodrome in 81 hours, 25 minutes  
after leaving Friedrichshafen.  
She made a fine landing.

## PRESIDENT'S GREETING.

President Coolidge immediately  
sent a message, congratulating  
Captain Eckner on the airship's  
epoch-making achievement.He said: "It is a matter of great  
satisfaction to myself and the  
people of the United States that  
peaceful relations between Ger-  
many and America have been fully  
re-established, and that this great  
airship has inaugurated the first  
direct air-flight between Germany  
and the United States."

## ENTHUSIASTIC SCENES.

There were scenes of enthusiasm  
on the arrival here of Z. R. 3,  
escorted by two aeroplanes.  
Crowds, many on the roofs of  
skyscrapers, everywhere watch-  
ed the air-ship as she majes-  
tically sailed by, after her trans-  
Atlantic crossing, at twice the  
speed of the fastest ocean liner.Cheers rose from thousands of  
throats, lats were tossed in the air,  
shrill whistle blasts sounded from  
the boats in the harbour and the  
sirens in the factories as the  
airship flew low over the heart of  
the city. It circled the city five  
times before proceeding to  
Lakehurst.

## MESSAGE FROM EBERT.

BERLIN, October 15.

President Ebert has telegraphed,  
most heartily congratulating Com-  
mander Eckner and the crew of  
Z.R.3 on behalf of the Govern-  
ment and whole nation.He says the achievement will  
live in history; and hopes the  
Z.R.3, in the course of further  
flights, will proclaim Germany's  
genius and challenge all nations  
to free and peaceful rivalry.

## NEW WORLD'S RECORD.

Describing his experiences, on  
emerging smiling from the air-  
ship's gondola, Commander  
Eckner said: "We have put up  
a new world's record for a con-  
tinuous flight of 5,000 miles."The first part of the voyage was  
fine but the last was full of heavy  
weather. From five o'clock yester-  
day morning, we battled for 24  
hours against heavy weather and a  
wind blowing 55/60 miles an hour.

## MECCA

ARRIVAL OF FORCE  
OF WAHABIS.

SITUATION QUIET.

(Reuter's Service.)

CAIRO, October 15.  
The Wahabis have entered  
Mecca.The situation is quiet and there  
have been no excesses.  
The Wahabis assured the Con-  
sular Corps at Jeddah that  
foreigners at Mecca will be safe  
and Jeddah will not be attacked.

## IRISH BOUNDARY.

BILL PASSES THROUGH  
DAIL EIREANN.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, October 15.  
The Dail Eireann has passed,  
through all its stages, a Boundary  
Bill similar to the Bill passed by  
the British Parliament.The measure was passed after  
the Labour motion of rejection  
had been defeated by 65 to 14.THE RHEUMATISM  
PROBLEM.Why are there so many failures in the  
treatment of rheumatism? It is because  
in such cases wrong methods of treatment  
are applied. The poisons of rheumatism  
are in the blood and only through the  
blood can the disease be fought suc-  
cessfully. As a remedy for rheumatism Dr.  
Williams' Pink Pills have a splendid  
record because they are a uniquely  
powerful blood restorative and tonic.  
They rapidly make new rich blood and  
they in use so pure and strong that the  
rheumatic poison is driven out until not  
a trace remains. Thousands of proofs of  
this have been received from many parts  
of the world. Here is evidence from  
South Africa:Mr. G. W. Diedericks, of Swellendam,  
Cape Colony, says:  
"For three years I suffered agonies  
through rheumatic pains in my back and  
shoulders. The pain sometimes com-  
pelled me to give up my work; my sleep  
was always broken and restless. I tried  
external remedies, but only got slight  
temporary relief. One day a book was  
left at my door about Dr. Williams' Pink  
Pills. I saw therein cures of cases like  
mine. I took a course of them, and am  
now cured of this trying ailment."A steady course of Dr. Williams' Pink  
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day and you will be well and strong. From any  
chemist, or direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60 Kingston Road, Shanghai,  
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free.

## WAR MEMORIALS.

DUKE OF YORK AT  
PORTSMOUTH.

"NAMES LIVE FOR EVER."

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, October 14.  
H. R. H. the Duke of York  
unveiled, at Portsmouth to-day, the  
last of three naval war memorials,  
of which two have already been  
unveiled at Chatham and Devon-  
port.

## "NAMES LIVE FOR EVER."

The Duke of York said the  
names of the 9,750 officers and  
men there recorded would live for  
ever.After the ceremony, the Duke of  
York, the Canadian Minister of De-  
fence, the Commander-in-Chief at  
Portsmouth, the Mayor and others  
placed wreaths at the base of the  
monument; a wreath was also laid  
there on behalf of Australia.

## ATTFIELD CASE.

PETITION FOR RELEASE  
OF CONVICTED.

VIRTUAL LIFE-IMPRISONMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, October 15.

A petition is being raised for  
the release of Cecil Attfield and  
Charles Hinman, who have been  
sentenced virtually to life im-  
prisonment as they are unable to  
pay the enormous penalties im-  
posed.It is pointed out that Lord Dar-  
ling refused to agree to immediate  
execution in the case of Frederick  
Firman's penalty.

## SPECULATING STAGS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO LOAN  
TO GERMANY.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, October 15.  
Heavy subscriptions to the  
German Loan partly consist of  
applications from "stags," or  
small speculators, who anticipate  
a premium will be established  
when the loan is allotted. Thus  
they will snatch a quick profit.

## CONSIGNEES.

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(Operating United States Government  
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be landed into the hazardous and/or  
non-hazardous godowns of the Hong-  
kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown  
Co., Ltd., at consignees' risk, whence  
delivery may be obtained.All broken, chafed and damaged  
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at 10 a.m.No claims will be admitted after  
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will be subject to rent.All claims against the steamer  
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27th October, 1924, or they will  
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"MOREA"	10,911	11th Oct. at Noon	Marseilles & London
"PESHAWUR"	7,924	14th Oct.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"SICILIA"	8,813	15th Oct.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"RASHGAR"	9,108	16th Nov.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"MALWA"	10,941	16th Nov.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"SARDINIA"	8,813	24th Nov.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"KARMALA"	9,088	24th Nov.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"MANTUA"	10,608	24th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"BOODUA"	8,813	24th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"KHIVA"	9,138	24th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	10th Jan.	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA"	8,813	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"KALYAN"	9,118	24th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"MOREA"	10,911	7th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"RASHGAR"	9,108	21st Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"MALWA"	10,941	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"SARDINIA"	8,813	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"KARMALA"	9,088	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"MANTUA"	10,608	4th Apr.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"BOODUA"	8,813	18th Apr.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam
"KHIVA"	9,138	2nd May	Marseilles & London

## BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

"TAKADA"	8,849	20th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKADA"	10,000	12th Nov.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKADA"	10,000	27th Nov.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKADA"	8,849	7th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKADA"	8,849	18th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

## EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	28th Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"KAPUR"	4,500	28th Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"ARAFURA"	6,000	31st Dec.	Sydney and Melbourne.

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## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"MALWA"	10,941	18th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	18th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	29th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	29th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	29th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	29th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	6th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	20th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	20th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	20th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	20th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	27th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	27th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	27th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	27th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	3rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RASHGAR"	9,108	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	10,000	1st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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## STRANGE MIXTURE.

PIGWASH AND PASSENGERS ON LAUNCH.

COXSAIN FINE.

Prosecuted for a second time after having been found not guilty some weeks ago, the coxswain of the steam-launch "Sal On" belonging to the Eastern Ferry Co. which runs between Hongkong and Kowloon City, was fined this morning for carrying pigwash on his vessel simultaneously with passengers.

Evidence was given to the effect that there were 79 passengers and 15 buckets of pigwash when the police officer at the police launch coxswain climbed on board.

Defended by Mr. H. L. Denny, Jr., at the Marine Court this morning, the ferry coxswain claimed that what he carried was not pigwash but broken food, which he described as *sung guet*, from which has sprung the famous word *chop suey*.

His story was disbelieved and a fine of \$20 was imposed by the Magistrate (Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N.). Another coxswain, who pleaded guilty, was fined a similar amount.

## FACTION FIGHT.

QUARREL OVER CHOW.

POLICE INTERVENE.

A faction fight between Hakkas and Hokios took place yesterday in a contractor's maids at Tai Wan, Kowloon City, in which bamboo poles and crow bars were freely used. As a sequel, one Hakka man was badly injured on the head. He appeared in the Kowloon Court as complainant and five Hokio workmen were arraigned for assault. The first defendant was fined \$20 and ordered to pay \$5 compensation to the complainant. The remainder were each fined \$5.

Police evidence showed that both complainant and defendants were working and having meals in the same shed. When the former invited his friend to a meal, the latter complained of shortage of cooked rice and hence hot words led to blows. On hearing the alarm, the police went to the scene, stopped the disturbance and arrested the five defendants.

## "SERIOUS CHARGES"

TAMPERING WITH SAFETY VALVE.

LAUNCH MASTER FINED.

Described by the Magistrate as very serious offences which, by the way, resulted in a fine the amount of which is seldom heard of in the Marine Court, charges of (1) being under way without a certificated engineer and (2) tampering with the safety valve, were preferred against the master of the steam-launch "Wai Fat," at the Marine Court this morning.

This prosecution was brought about by a letter, alleged to have been written to the Government Marine Surveyor's office by the second engineer, who claimed to have been discharged for refusing to screw down the safety valve.

Mr. Jackson of the Surveyor's office, found the launch in the harbour. The steam-gauge was run up to 160 lbs, but the safety valve did not open, although it should have done so under a pressure of 125 lbs.

When the launch was brought back the safety valve was opened inside was an eight inch bolt and some nuts which meant that all safety devices had been eliminated.

The first charge was dropped and a fine of \$20 or three months' imprisonment on the third charge. On the second charge the master was fined \$15.

## TYPHOON DAMAGE.

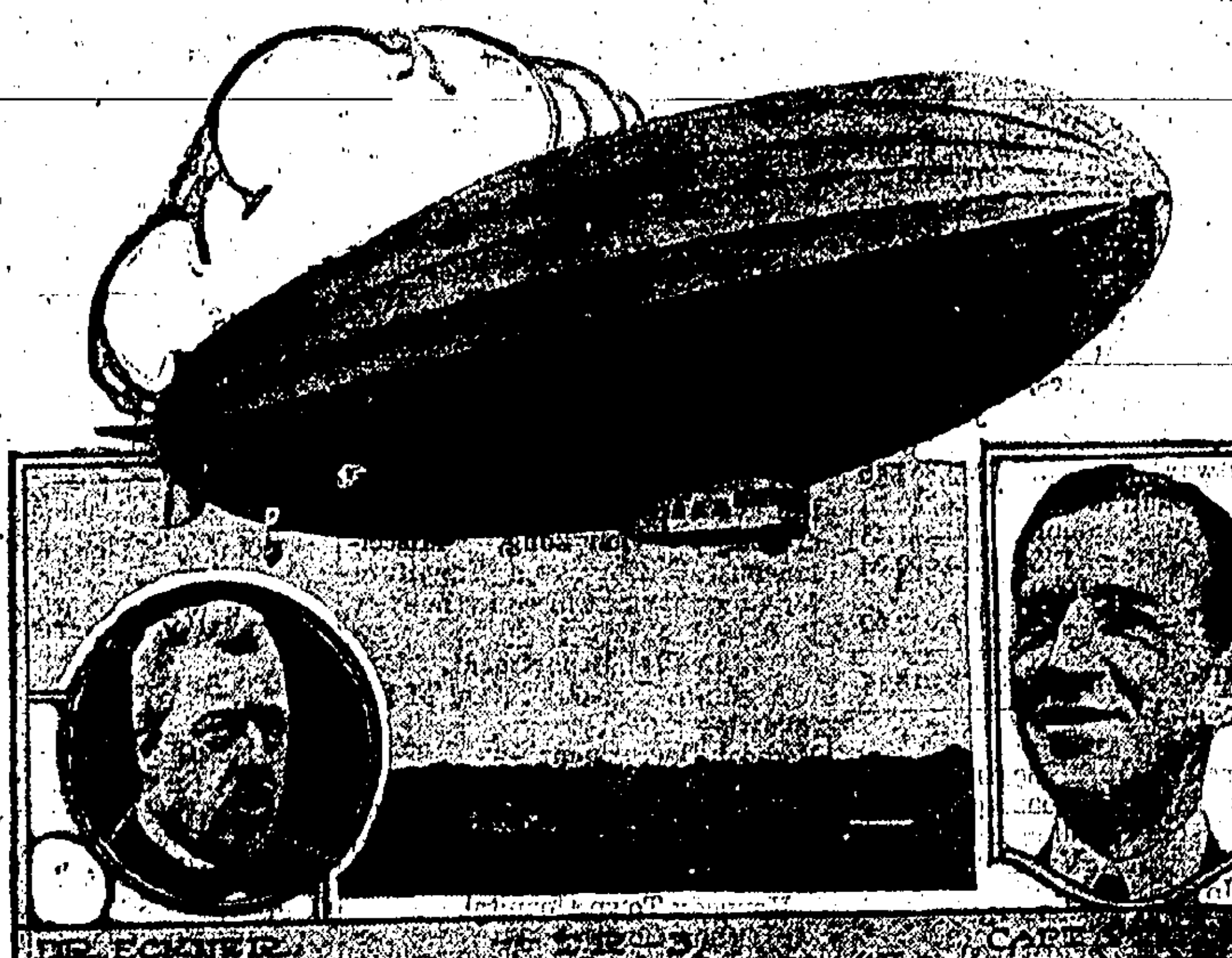
RESULT OF LAST YEAR'S STORMS.

The Director of Public Works in his report for the year 1923 states that the buildings in Hongkong erected by the architectural department during the past 10 or 15 years suffered little or no damage in the typhoon of August last, and the subsequent rains in October, but practically the whole of the older buildings, and some of the new buildings erected by private firms for the Government were damaged, some to a considerable extent.

In Kowloon, most of the buildings suffered more or less extensive damage. Among the worst was Kowloon City pier which had to be supplied with new reinforced concrete and wood-decking.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a married woman, named Lo So, appeared on a charge of being in unlawful possession of 43 tael of raw opium without a permit from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports. She was ordered to pay a fine of \$760 or serve 9 months in jail.

## AIRSHIP'S FINE ACHIEVEMENT.



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## A LUCKY FOUR.

CHARGE OF BEING STOWAWAYS FAILS.

Four Chinese were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with being stowaways on board the s.s. "Menado" while in port.

Defendants stated that they were taken on board as substitute firemen by the head firemen.

Cheng Kwong, head watchman employed in the Java-China-Japan-Lijn, stated that at 5 p.m., on October 14, he searched the s.s. "Menado" and found the four accused on the forecastle, with a basket of clothes each. The ship carried no passengers. As the ship was about to leave, he did not ask them why they were there nor take them before a ship's officer, but brought them to the station.

His Worship said that they should have been questioned first or taken to see a ship's officer to ascertain whether they were engaged as substitutes. As the ship has left it could not be proved they were stowaways, and the men were dismissed.

## GRIFFINS.

NINETY-FOUR "SUBS" DUE TO-DAY.

DRAWING TO-MORROW.

The s.s. "Cheongshing" was due in harbour early this morning with a batch of 94 subscription griffins for the Hongkong Jockey Club, and it was expected that drawing would take place at Causeway Bay Stables this evening.

The vessel did not arrive at the time expected and, though the vessel will probably arrive in time for the ponies to be disembarked, the drawing will probably not take place before to-morrow evening.

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BAHARAI via SWATOW & SHANGHAI - MINGSHANG - Mon., 20th Oct., 10 a.m.

BAHARAI via SWATOW & SHANGHAI - HANGSANG - Mon., 20th Oct., Noon

KORE via SHANGHAI & MOI - KUTSANG - Tues., 21st Oct., 7 a.m.

TRINOTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI - YASHING - Wed., 22nd Oct., 10 a.m.

YANTUNG via SWATOW & SHANGHAI - CHONGSHING - Wed., 22nd Oct., Noon

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HAIPHONG via HOIHOY - LEESANG - Sun., 23rd Oct., 10 a.m.

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COLONY'S RECORD  
BUDGET.

(Continued from page 5.)

## Infectious Diseases.

The sum of \$30,000 provided under Item 13 for the new Infectious Diseases Hospital may be exceeded as it is desirable to press on with this work, but the site decided on, though excellent as regards position, is not an easy one to develop, and before the plans are finally settled they will have to be considered by the Government in conjunction with the authorities of the Tung Wah Hospital.

The amount required under Item 14 has been increased considerably in order to make adequate provision for the requirements of the Post Office.

Under Item 22 a sum of \$35,000 is provided to complete the building of temporary barracks for police on Hospital Road. It is probable that these buildings will be required for about five years. They will house about 120 Indian and Chinese Police, being members of the force displaced during the rebuilding of Police Station No. 8 and others who require accommodation due to a general increase of the force in Victoria.

## Road To D'Aguiar.

Under the heading Communications a sum of \$30,000 is provided for making a narrow road for one way motor traffic to Cape d'Aguiar, which is much needed. The road will be widened in places for the convenience of passing cars, but as it will be used almost entirely for official purposes it is not considered necessary to go to the expense of making a wide road the whole way.

Items (a), (b), (c) and (d) all refer to improvements of the Shan-kwan Road, the construction of the access road to Quarry Bay, Inland Lot 11 being part of the arrangement made with Messrs. Butterfield and Swire in connection with the removal of a number of their Chinese tenements to the new reclamation.

Under Item 35 a sum of \$87,700 is provided for laying an underground cable to Cape d'Aguiar, in place of the temporary line on wooden posts which cannot be properly supervised and maintained.

Under Item 53 a sum of \$100,000 is provided for the conversion of Bowen Road Filter Beds from a slow sand filter to a rapid filtering system. This matter has already been referred to in Council. The effect of this large expenditure will be to provide a much larger amount of filtered water than is possible at present at a convenient place.

## Water for Heights.

Item 54 will provide for the distribution of water to a large number of houses at a high level.

In Kowloon under buildings I would draw the attention of Honorable Members to the following. Item 63 has been entered and a nominal sum provided. It is proposed to erect some quarters of moderate size to the North of King's Park, but it is doubtful whether it will be possible to begin the work much before the end of next year.

The increase in the police force generally in the Kowloon Peninsula requires the provision of the quarters referred to in Items 70, 72, 73 and 78.

Under Items 61 and 74 provision is made for housing scavenging coolies and the policy adopted in Hongkong of providing such quarters at convenient centres will be followed in Kowloon generally.

The store for Government materials (Item 76) is an urgent necessity. It is hoped that it will eventually form the nucleus of a Government Central Store Department, the desirability of which is becoming increasingly obvious.

## Quarters for Clerks.

Item 77 makes provision for beginning the erection of quarters for members of the Clerical Service. The Committee appointed by me consisting of the Colonial Secretary, the Honorable Mr. R. H. Kewell and Mr. E. W. Carpenter recommended the construction of fifty-four quarters with shops on the ground floor in Nathan Road, nearly opposite Gascoigne Road, and of 128 quarters close to Waterloo Road on an excellent site near Yau-mai Station. The quarters will be roomy with good kitchens and offices and will be at a convenient distance from the future ferry terminus in Jordan Road. It is proposed that these buildings should be constructed by a private firm of architects. The total cost will probably exceed a million and a half dollars but no exact estimate has yet been made.

## Improved Communications.

Under communications large sums are provided for constructing roads, and for improving existing roads. In this connection I should like to refer to the work of a Committee which I appointed in June last to consider the question of communications in Kowloon. The members of the Committee were: Mr. E. W. Carpenter, Public Works Department, Chairman; Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., Deputy Superintendent of Police; Mr. H. H. Pegg, Public Works Department; Mr. B. Wylie, Chairman of the Kowloon Residents' Association; Mr. J. M. Alves, Member of the Kowloon Residents' Association; Mr. B. W. Tape, Kowloon City.

The Committee reported on September 2, and their report is now under consideration. In the opinion of the Government the report is a very excellent piece of work and the ability and thoroughness with which the Committee carried out the task entrusted to them will, I am sure, be appreciated as fully by the community in Kowloon as it is by myself. The Chairman informs me that the work of the Committee was materially assisted by the data supplied by the representatives of the Kowloon Residents' Association, of whose co-operation in this and other matters I should wish to express my keen appreciation.

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## Drainage Problems.

Under "Drainage" large sums are required, and Kowloon drainage problems are so closely connected with the provision for drainage in the "New Territories" which really means New Kowloon adjoining, that they can be conveniently considered together. The heavy expenditure is due to the size of the trained nullahs required for carrying storm water to the sea through the large area of filled-in ground, which has been formed by cutting down the foot-hills. This work and the provision of sewers throughout the peninsula will occupy the Drainage Sub-department for years to come.

Under the head "Miscellaneous" a sum of \$50,000 is provided for contributing the scheme of laying underground cables from Mongkok to Lai Chi Kok and from Mongkok to Kowloon City and the New Gao on the Kai Tak Reclamation.

## New Territories' Votes.

In the "New Territories" the principal works are as follows:—Item 97, "New Gao and Police Training School." A contract has been let for the piling of the site and it may be possible to begin building before the end of next year. The long delay that has occurred in beginning this work is much to be regretted. It has been due principally to the necessity of giving careful and detailed consideration to alternative proposals for the design and lay-out in order to meet the requirements of the departments concerned and to fit the site available. The position finally settled on provides for a hundred foot road on the sea in front of the outer wall while the land at the back consists of hills, which it will, I hope, be possible to cut down gradually by the use of prison labour. Prisoners will thus be provided with useful work for a considerable time to come and the levelled area will provide for the further expansion of the Gao which will, up doubt, become necessary if the population continues to increase at its present rate. The Police Training School will occupy about twelve acres of the Kai Tak Reclamation on the west side of the Gao.

Item 103. It has been impossible to make a start with the New Lunatic Asylum as the site selected near Lai Chi Kok has been found very expensive to develop, and it may be necessary to look for a new site.

I referred in my remarks on the Observatory to the necessity of finding a more suitable site for the magnetic instruments and under Item 110 a sum of \$14,000 is provided for huts for the instruments.

The rapid growth of the New Kowloon City on the reclamation makes it necessary to have a resident Sanitary Inspector and provision is made under Item 112 for his quarters.

Following new works should be noticed:—(i)—This path is required for the proper patrolling of the frontier to the East of the railway.

(ii)—The road from Tai Po Market to Shun Wan is expected to encourage much building development. On the short portion already constructed many applications for land have been received.

(iii)—In addition to the widening of the smaller bridges, it is proposed to widen the long bridge at Au Tan and Kum Tau.

(iv)—The Tai Po Road between the 5th and 9th Mile, that is between the reservoir and Shatin, is being straightened in places under Item (c) and it is considered desirable now to macadamize it to meet the needs of the increasing wheeled traffic.

(v)—Refers to the road from Tsingling to Shenging Shan and thence to the railway.

Under "Miscellaneous" there are two new works. Item 121 is a proposal to fill in the low-lying land to the South-West of Kowloon City which will shortly be required for building. Item 122 provides for placing the telephone lines

between Kowloon and Tsingling under ground in order to save the heavy cost of upkeep.

## Kowloon Catchwater.

Under "Water Works" provision is made for continuing the work of extending the Kowloon catchwater and of building the Shek Lai Pui reservoir. A start is to be made with the construction of the Shing Mun Valley Scheme, but the amounts entered under the various items cannot be regarded as anything but tentative estimates. A contract has been let for the construction of the tunnels and conduit.

## Posts and Railways.

A slight re-arrangement of duties has been made in the Post Office, two Assistant Superintendents, one in the Parcel Branch and one in the Registration Branch, have taken the place of the former Superintendent of Registration and Parcels, and a small increase in staff has been required to cope with growing postal business.

The Railway Estimates are this year presented in a new form, with various new sub-heads which require some explanation. Honourable Members will recollect that, at the suggestion of the late Mr. A. R. Lowe, the Government agreed that, for statistical purposes and because we hope some day to be linked up with the main body of Chinese Railways, the Railway accounts should be kept in the same form as that prescribed by the Ministry of Communications in China. The accounts are now being recast in this new form and while it is not essential that the Estimates should appear in the same form it was considered desirable to remodel them also. The letters and numbers at the beginning of each section are those of the classification of operating expenses now in force in the Railways of China.

The running expenses of the Railway have been kept as low as is consistent with keeping the track and equipment in thoroughly good order. It will be noticed that provision has been made for the Fueling Branch Line for three months only as it is expected that this line will then be replaced by the motor road now under construction.

Special Expenditure on the Railway has also been reduced as far as possible. The main item is for six new carriages which are required and will prove most useful when through communication is more extensively established. To accommodate these carriages a further extension of the Carriage Sheds is necessary and it is considered advisable to extend the platform awnings at Kowloon which at present are only sufficient to cover three coaches. Surfacing of platforms at Out-stations is also provided for.

The stoppage of through traffic during the greater part of the year has had a disastrous effect on the revenue of the line. We can only hope that conditions will improve so as to admit of the resumption of through traffic next year. Until this happens, it is impossible for the line to pay its way.

## FINANCIAL POSITION.

## Future Policy Discussed.

To revert now to the financial position as a whole, I feel that I am placing a great strain on the patience of Honourable Members but, as it is very possible that this will be the last budget that I shall have the pleasure of placing before this Council, I would ask their indulgence while I offer some observations on the financial situation and financial policy as affecting the near future and not only the coming year.

As I indicated at the beginning of this address it is estimated that the year 1924 will close with a deficit of approximately two million dollars and we have budgeted for a deficit of something over 8½ million dollars.

If these forecasts prove correct it is clear that at the end of 1925 we shall have reduced our balances very materially and it will be necessary to give careful consideration to the methods by which future works are to be financed. My own view is that it would not be prudent to reduce our balances much below five million dollars for any long period, as it is very desirable that we should be in a position to meet at once unexpected calls or unforeseen troubles without dislocation of our finances. At the same time I do not think that there is any necessity for trying to maintain them permanently at a higher figure.

I may say here that personally I shall be somewhat surprised if the deficit on the working of the year 1924 reaches the high figure suggested, as I am inclined to think that the Public Works Department, has taken an over-optimistic view of the amount of

work which it will be able to do before the end of the year, unless climatic and other conditions prove to be exceptionally favourable, but we must, of course, provide for the maximum expenditure which is possible in any circumstances.

Similarly, the estimates for next year are based on the sound principle of including the lowest probable returns in the case of revenue and the highest figure of expenditure which can reasonably be expected to be reached. Here again I should be surprised if the gap between revenue and expenditure proves to be in practice anything like so large as it is in the estimates.

But the actual figures are not of much importance in this connection. The point which I desire to discuss is one of policy. I have consistently, ever since I came to Hongkong, advocated the policy of pressing on with works of development as continuously and as rapidly as possible without regard to whether the budget for the year shows a heavy deficit or not so long as we have balances available. That policy has been followed in the present estimates and I propose to follow it in any future budget that I may be privileged to lay before the Council. As I think I said on a previous occasion the process is merely one of changing the form of our assets, so long as the expenditure by which the balances are depleted are works of development.

Margin of Safety.

It does not therefore matter from this point of view whether the date at which we have reduced our balances to the margin of safety arrives at the end of 1923 or one or two years later. It must come some time in the next few years as we still have before us a very heavy programme of works which it will be convenient to continue to refer to here as "Public Works Extraordinary" though some of them will actually be carried out by the Port Development Department and some perhaps by the Railway or other departments.

We have been in recent years very fortunate in being able to command sufficient balances to provide for the heaviest programme which we could undertake but it is clear that this state of affairs cannot last much longer. The works to which we are already committed and those which we have in contemplation are all desirable, most of them are necessary and a considerable number of them will be remunerative in actual cash, but they will cost very large sums of money and it would be unreasonable to expect to be able to find from revenue and balances the funds necessary for instance to provide for the heavy initial expenditure of moving the Military Establishments to the mainland or to provide deep water wharves for the Harbour.

## Question of Loan.

Within the next few years therefore, as I said just now, we shall have to decide how these works are to be financed. The obvious answer, of course, is by means of a loan. I have no other answer but I should like to express now my views, not as to the amount of a loan, for it is not possible to foresee at present what our requirements will be, but as to the nature of the loan and the objects to which it should be devoted.

Public Works Extraordinary, in the wide sense in which I have used the phrase, fall into three natural divisions. 1. Such works as the provision of new Police Stations, quarters for Government servants, road improvements and widening and similar comparatively minor matters.

2. Costly works which are of permanent utility and which will be of equal importance to future generations as to the present, or possibly even of greater importance. Such for instance, as the Shing Mun Water Supply and the Harbour Wharves, works from which a certain return in money may be anticipated but which are not intended to be a source of profit and should at most be expected to pay their way and give in due course a moderate return on the capital invested.

3. Works which involve a heavy initial outlay for a considerable period during which they give no return but which bring in large sums of money on or soon after completion. Such for instance as the Praya East Reclamation and, to some extent at least, let us hope the re-provisioning of the Military Establishments.

The first class of works are correctly classed as Public Works Extraordinary since they are of the nature of capital expenditure but they approximate rather closely to Public Works Recurrent for we may be certain that every year it will be necessary to expend money on similar works.

Payment from Revenue.

This class of works, therefore, I consider, should be provided for from revenue, at least up to the limit of the revenue received from land sales, which as sales amount to an alienation of capital should not be regarded as available to meet the ordinary expenses of administration.

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## RANGOON OUTRAGE.

EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET  
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(Reuter's Service.)

Calcutta, October 15.

The Government of India has telegraphed to the American Consul-General stating that it is greatly concerned to hear of the assault upon the American missionaries, Professor and Mrs. Gleason at Rangoon. The Government of India has been asked for a detailed report, meanwhile the Government of India expresses great regret at the unfortunate occurrence and gives assurance that all steps will be taken to ensure the safety of Americans in Burma and India.

## DETAILS OF ATTACK.

Rangoon, October 12.  
Professor and Mrs. Gleason, American missionaries, narrowly escaped in the Buddhist disturbances mentioned yesterday. The Professor was stabbed in the back and his wife had two deep wounds in the head and forehead. Both were felled to the ground. In response to their cries a Mohammedan cab-driver rushed to their assistance but retired when threatened with a chopper by one of the assailants. The latter then retired to a monastery whereupon the cab-driver returned and conveyed the bleeding victims to a hospital.

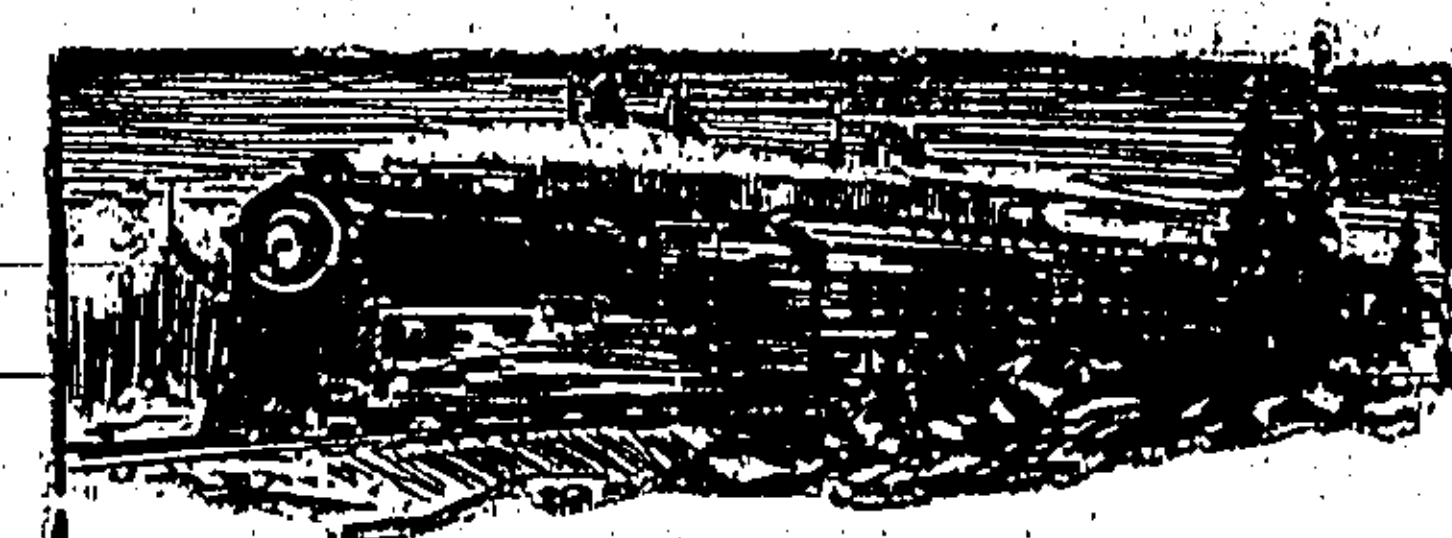
The second class of works, of which the utility is permanent and the profit small should in my opinion be provided for by a long term loan, i.e. by the issue of Inscribed Stock with the usual arrangement for amortization by means of a sinking fund, so that our successors who will benefit by these works at least as much as ourselves may bear their fair share of the cost.

Praya East Reclamation.

The third class, I consider, should be dealt with differently. Take for example the Praya East Reclamation. We are expending large sums on this work but the expenditure is really more of the nature of an advance. As soon as it is finished, we hope to sell the Government share of the new land, so far as it is not required for Government purposes, at a profit. The money which we have expended will therefore come back to us after a few years and it would scarcely be fair to our successors that we should spend this money when we receive it while we leave them saddled with the loan raised for the initial expenditure.

In such cases I submit that the right course would be to raise short term loans by way of debentures or possibly by the issue of Treasury Bills which would be paid off as soon as possible by means of the money received on the completion of the work.

I will not try to go into details as to do so in present circumstances would be premature but I submit these views to Honourable Members as representing a reasonable and practical policy, the adoption of which would, I believe, be a continuation of reasonable procedure, make it unnecessary at least for many years to come to contemplate any materially increased taxation, even if the Revenue from Opium ceases to figure in our returns.



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### ONE OF THEM IS SURE TO WIN.



Friendly enemies, or rather friendly rivals in the political battlefield, General Dawes, Republican nominee for the Vice-Presidency, and Governor Charles W. Bryan, Democratic nominee for the same office, held a friendly visit when General Dawes spoke in Bryan's State.

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### Forecasting Earthquakes



Prof. Cavallieri C. Caselli, noted seismologist of Spezia, Italy, who has had patented his apparatus which has proved successful in forecasting of earthquakes 15 minutes before occurrence. He is inclined to believe that the seismic movements may be actuated by electro-magnetic forces developed by the stars of our planetary system during their periods of greatest proximity to the earth.

### Murder Charge.



Norman Selby, better known by his old ring title of Kid McCoy, famous for his nine marriages and equal number of divorces, who is now held for Grand Jury at Los Angeles, charged with murder of Mrs. Theresa Mors, a divorcee, with whom he lived and to whom, it is said, he had planned to be married soon.

### Mercury Into Gold.



Professor Mieth, celebrated European scientist, who has startled the world by turning mercury into gold by atomic action. Though it seems as if the dream of all chemists may be a fact, though it is determined that the expense of the operation is far in value than the ultimate product.

### Against Dry Laws.



Premier Walter Monroe, of Newfoundland, who is taking steps to repeal the Newfoundland Prohibition Law, and to allow the sale of liquor under definite restrictions. With Premier Monroe falling in line with other Canadian provinces, there remains but four states of Canada which are "dry."

### Prince To Mary.



Conrad Vaigurners, Prince di Niscomi, eldest son of the Duke and Duchess dell'Arnella, Palermo, Italy, who is to be married this fall to Miss Margaret Hirsch. The Prince's father is a former Italian Senator and his mother, Lady-in-Waiting to the Italian Queen.

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### JAPANESE RADIO INVENTOR.



One of the first Japanese students to gain recognition in the radio world is Hiroshi Ando of Tokio. He is shown here making a final inspection of the instrument he has entered in the international radio exhibition.

### GLASSES BROKEN?

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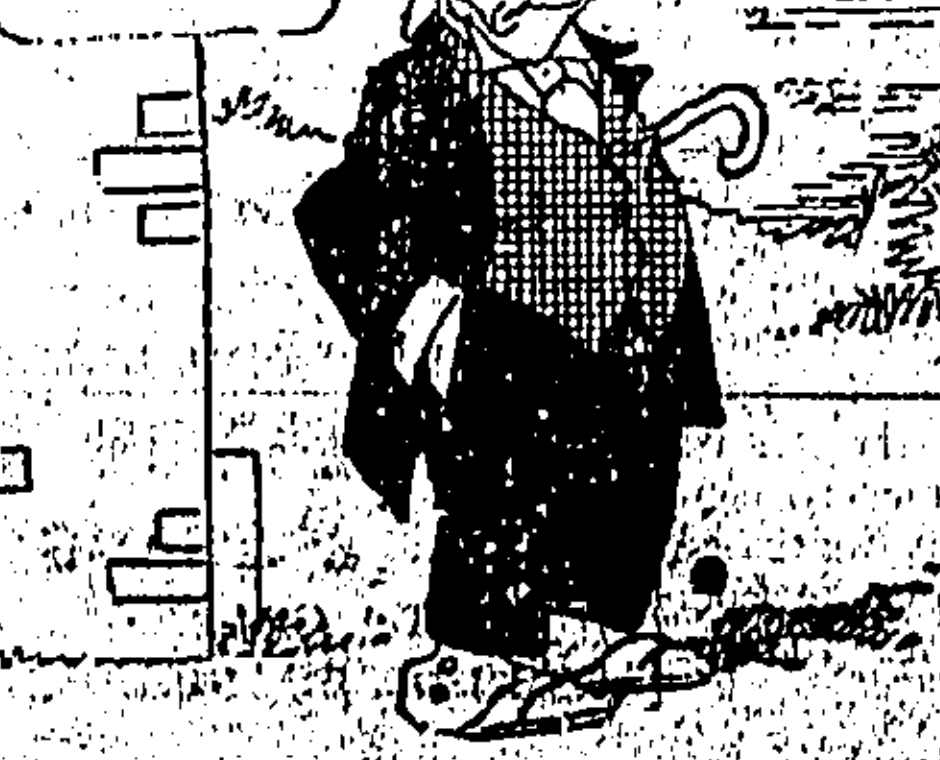
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### BRINGING UP FATHER.



## V. R. C.

ANNUAL AQUATICS.  
FINAL DAY YESTERDAY.

The V.R.C. annual aquatic meeting, after two postponements, was brought to an end yesterday afternoon in ideal weather.

The 100 yards championship of the Colony attracted most attention and was won by a margin of two fifths of a second by D. Lyon. All entrants with the exception of Johnstone and Lyon had scratched and it remained a contest between these two. For two lengths Johnstone swam extremely well, but each time he lost a fraction on the turn. The finish was full of excitement.

The 100 yards ladies' championship was carried off by Miss G. Ramsay. She won in the record time of 79 1/5 seconds and was home nearly six seconds before Miss Blunsdon, who took second place.

The four lengths handicap for girls produced a keen race. At first, Miss Gourlay appeared to be having a fairly easy task, but Miss D. Hunt swam a plucky race and in the last length passed all other opponents easily. It was an extraordinarily good finish on her part and she was deservedly applauded.

Miss K. Kitchell did particularly well in the high dive for ladies. She won by 14 points.

The V.R.C. were opposed to the Kowloon British School in the team race and won with ease. The losers, however, were not represented by a full team.

**Prize Presentation.**  
After the contests Lady Severn presented the prizes. In introducing her, Mr. W. Mitchell remarked on the fact that the adverse weather had affected the number of people able to be present. They had seen some good races that day and no one wanted to see anything better than the 100 yards championship. He paid tribute to the backing the Club received from Sir Claud Severn.

Sir Claud expressed the regret His Excellency the Governor felt at being unable to attend.

At the conclusion Miss Gladys Ramsay presented Lady Severn with a bouquet of roses in a silver holder and three cheers for Lady Severn. Sir Claud, Mr. W. Mitchell and the competitors were given.

**Results.**  
Two Lengths Hurdles (Handicap).—1, J. V. Ramsay; 2, A. Kitchell. Time, 31 1/5secs.

100 Yards Girls' Championship.—1, Ena Allen; 2, M. Gourlay. Time, 20 3/5secs.

High Dive (Open).—1, A. George (90 points); 2, Duncan (89 points).

100 Yards Championship of Colony (Open).—1, D. Lyon; 2, J. R. Johnstone. Time, 69secs.

Four Lengths (Handicap) (members).—1, A. E. Noronha; 2, D. Laiting. Time, 62 1/5secs.

Two Lengths (Handicap) (members).—1, J. Montalto; 2, J. A. Kent. Time, 29 1/5secs.

100 Yards Ladies' Championship of the Colony.—1, G. Ramsay; 2, M. Blunsdon. Time, 79 1/5secs.

Girls' Four Lengths Handicap.—1, D. Hunt; 2, M. George. Time, 96 1/5secs.

High Dive, Ladies' (open).—1, K. Kitchell (104 points); 2, M. George (90 points).

Team Race.—V.R.C. team. Time, 2mins. 49secs.

Water Polo.—The Rest, 1, 0. Consolation Prize, two lengths.—B. Rasmussen.

## GOLF.

INTERPORT MATCH WITH  
MANILA.

## HONGKONG'S TEAM.

The following have been chosen to represent the Royal Hongkong Golf Club against Manila on Saturday and Sunday next:—A. B. Stewart (Captain), I. W. Sheehan, A. H. Ferguson, R. A. Canfield, Capt. L. W. Bennett, E. J. R. Mitchell.

Reserve: W. Galloway.

Play commences at 9.15 each day. The 3.35 Train will run on Saturday as well as Sunday.

A. B. Stewart cannot go to Shanghai for the match on October 30 and 31. A. H. Ferguson has been asked to captain the side and N. L. Smith has been asked to complete the Hongkong six.

## STEEL PROTECTION ACT.

DIFFICULTIES OF TATA  
MINIS.

## (Reuter's Service)

Manchester, October 15. The Tata Iron and Steel Company is drastically economising on coke. Its oven, blast furnace, and iron ore mine have closed owing to congestion of un-melted coke. Many workers are left idle. The strike board is shortly coming to Bombay to enquire into the company's application for the imposition of a new tariff under the Steel Protection Act, following the rise in exchange and the heavy fall in the price of Belgian steel.

## INDIAN TEA PARTY.

CROWDED RECEPTION AT  
TOWN HALL.

## FELICITOUS SPEECHES.

The heads of almost all Government departments and a large number of prominent Indian residents were present at a tea party in the City Hall yesterday evening, given by the Sikh Temple and the Singh Hindu Merchants' Association in honour of Inspectors Mohinder Singh and Nawab Khan, Hongkong Police, who were recently decorated with the titles of Sirdar Sahib and Khan Sahib.

Among those present were Major General Sir John Fowler, and his A.D.C., Sir Claud Severn, Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Hon. Mr. T. M. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Harbour Master, Hon. Mr. P. H. Bolyak, Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-shan, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kowall, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University, Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, Messrs. T. M. Hazlerigg, A. Dyer Ball, C. A. D. Melbourne, H. A. Nishet, J. W. Franks, H. Green, M. J. Breen, P. D. J. Wodehouse, R. W. Hamilton, C. G. Perdue, J. Kerr, G. Gerard, Mrs. J. B. Addison, W. B. A. Moore, Paterson, W. V. M. Koch, Majors E. S. Halford, R.G.A. and T. C. Greenwood, R.A., Capt. G. D. Meredith, G. A. Clements, N. C. Parkes, J. E. Chippindall, E. Blaxhurn, Chief Inspectors J. Grant and W. Kent, Messrs. W. J. L. Smith, B. Tanner, L. Foster, and W. K. Reynolds.

After tea Mr. Bishen Singh, President of the Sikh Temple, in thanking the guests for their attendance, said that the function was held to enable them to express publicly their gratitude to H.E. the Governor for so graciously mentioning the names of the Inspectors to the Government of India in connection with their 25 years' service to the Hongkong Government.

Inspector Mohinder Singh, replying in his native dialect, said that he and his colleague realised that the honours conferred on them were a recognition of the loyal service performed by the Indian contingent of the Hongkong Police Force.

Hon. Mr. Wolfe emphasised the dependence of the whole Indian Force on the Jemadars or Inspectors for its efficiency and said that it was fitting that the two senior officers, who had served the British Government so well, should receive these decorations.

In a final speech Mr. Bishen Singh said:

"The British Empire, gentlemen, is a blessing to humanity; Almighty God has blessed it with incomparable strength and justice. Under the Union Jack Liberty and freedom, trade and industry, progress and protection are the birth rights of its citizens, and in fact this is the only Empire of our world, in which it can be said that all and everyone have the fullest scope for exercising and developing the energies, mental and otherwise, and in which the rich and poor, the strong and the weak can live in perfect safety and harmony, and those who have the honour of being the citizens of this Empire must feel proud of sharing the membership of the greatest of the existing Empires upon the surface of the entire globe." (Applause.)

## ORIENTAL SHOWS.

OPENING NIGHT IN  
KOWLOON.

The Oriental Shows will open to the public in Kowloon to-night on the lot near the site for the Peninsula Hotel.

An exhibition show was given last night and was well attended. The chief attraction should prove the flying sea-planes, which were well patronised last evening, the D.S.P., Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse and a party being among those who took to the air.

In addition, there are "galloping horses" and swinging chairs for those in search of a liver tonic. A giant and a dwarf, a hula-hula queen, human spider, girl, snake-chamber, human gramophone, and "Filipino Muscle Man" are also on view, while the usual clowns and lady acrobats were in evidence.

There appeared to be a number of "games of skill" available, but none were working last evening. The manager should prove an attraction to many. The admission fee is 10 cents, so the show should be well patronised.

## Comfort for the Aged

Old people are easily tired out and weakened by coughing. For them there is a most comfortable bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It stops those weakening coughs, keeps them at bay, and wears out their strength. Every one knows it contains no harmful drugs, it is used each year by thousands of the aged, and it is sold everywhere at the price of Belgian steel.

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, October 16, 1924.

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## HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almagest Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 8 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

October 13 to 19, 1924.

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